

Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) builds upon the current Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the country's largest private-lands environmental improvement program.

Landowners interested in signing up for CRP, may qualify to receive additional state and federal funding through the CREP program. By combining federal, state, and private resources, CREP provides landowners with an additional financial package for conserving and enhancing natural resources on farms located within the Pigeon-Highland Watershed.



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CREP will allow farmers in the Pigeon-Highland Watershed to take sensitive farmland out of agricultural production and provide them with financial incentives to offset the cost of production. Landowners can enhance these sensitive areas by applying conservation practices that will protect the water quality in this watershed.

Financial Incentives

Through CREP, landowners may qualify to receive both state and federal financial incentives by applying conservation practices to their farmland.

State Funds

- One-time state incentives, depending on the conservation practices applied, will range from \$100 to \$400 per acre.
- Eligible Conservation Practices:
 - Establishment of permanent native grasses (\$100 per acre)
 - Hardwood tree planting (\$400 per acre)
 - Permanent wildlife habitat (\$100 per acre)
 - Riparian buffer (\$400 per acre)
 - Filter strips (\$100 per acre)
 - Wetland restoration (\$400 per acre)
 - Wetland restoration, non-floodplain (\$400 per acre)
 - Bottomland timber establishment on wetlands (\$400 per acre)

Federal Funds

- The actual amount of federal dollars landowners will receive to participate in CREP is highly variable. The determination of the total amount landowners will receive involve:
 - soil rental rates
 - cost of installation of practices
 - annual maintenance costs
 - any special incentives

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